in the Financial Express on 15th July, 1994;

(b) whether it is also a fact that none of Committees 373 recommendations have so far been implemented except certain unproductive/piecemeal suggestions; and

(c) if so, by when Government are likely to examine/implement fare panel's Report, with reasons for the inordinate delay in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) The Railway Fare & Freight Committee have made 373 recommendations on fare and freight structure, classification of commodities, concessions for travel, minimum distance for freight charges, rationalisations, of freight traffic etc. Out of these 373 recommendations important recommendations regarding (i) levy of uniform reservation fee (ii) reduction in minimum distance for freight charge (iii) reduction in the number of classifications of commodities (iv) enhancement of the rebate for movement of damageable commodities in open wagons; and (v) reduction in the distance block for freight charge beyond 2400 kms from 50 km to 25 km have been accepted with suitable modifications and implemented while framing the Railway Budget 1994-95. There is no delay in examination and implementation of the recommendation of the report as action has already been taken as above.

Purchase of Railway wagons

2238. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are reducing its purchase of railway wagons in West Bengal and increasing its purchase of imported wagons:

(b) what is the rationale for this policy interms of performance and price;

(c) how much unemployment this policy create in the Indian wagon industry; and

(d) what will be the outflow of foreign exchange on this account?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir. The purchase of wagons has reduced during 1994-95 due to reduction in the requirement of wagons. Railways have not imported any wagons against their Rolling Stock Programme.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Floating of Eurobonds

2239. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to float Eurobonds to reduce the interest liability;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent Government would be able to raise money?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) There is no proposal with the Government at present for raising any money through issue of Eurobonds.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Introduction of Palace on wheels type trains

2240. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4827 given in the